HUNDREDS PERISH IN THEATRE HORROR

Chicago Scene of Greatest Calamity in History of American Stage.

THE IROQUOIS A DEATH TRAP

More Than 600 Men, Women and Children Lose Their Lives in a Fire Panic.

Beautiful New Theatre, Supposedly Fire proof, Crowded With Women and Children Attending Matinee Performance, Becomes in a Flash a Caldron of Flame - Electric Spark From a Broken Wire Started the Blaze -Draught Swept the Flames Almost Immediately Into the Auditorium -Stairways Became Choked Quickly-Bodies Piled Three and Four Deep in Aisles-Fire Exits Not Adequate-Terrible Panie on the Streets.

Chicago, Ill.-More than 500 persons, mostly women and children, perished by fire in the Iroquois Theatre. It is estimated that the total number of the

The fire began while a matinee performance of "Mr. Bluebeard" was being played. An electric spark from a broken wire shot into the flies and an explosion followed. Then a panic en-

From that time on until the flames filled the place the death crush con-A mass of humanity was jammed into the balcony stairway, sur-rounded by smoke and flames. The mass soon settled back into a death pose, and there they were found by firemen. Trucks, express wagons and patrol wagons were all in use carrying away the bodies.

The asbestos curtain in the theatre would not work, and the flames swept at once to the pit and adjoining walls. All the exits were soon choked by frantic women and children, and those on the inside, terror stricken at the advancing flames and smoke, were unable to move either way. Children were taken from the ruins, some burned to a crisp, and others trampled beyond recognition. Women by the score were found in a tangled and scorched mass near the stairway.

The theatre was almost in darkness in the second act. The stage was lighted only by the soft artificial beams from the calcium, which lent beauty to the scene during the singing of the "Moonlight Song" by the double sextette. A flash of flame shot across through the flimsy draperies, started

A show girl screamed hysterically. presence of mind the director increased the volume of the music. Scores rose in their seats as the stage manager shouted an order for the continuation of the song. It was obeyed with feeble The girls forced the words from their throats until two of their number swooned.

Clouds of smoke poured from the stage into the auditorium, enveloping the struggling mass of panic-stricken men, women and children.

Behind the scenes all was confusion. It required but a moment to perceive that the fire had gone too far to be conquered by the amateur fire brigade formed by the stage hands. In the dressing rooms as high as the sixth story were the score of girls of the ballet. At the first alarm the elevator boy fled from his post, and the flames soon shot upward in the wings and made escape by the narrow stairway

The screams from the imprisoned rooms came to the ears of the more fortunate below, as they rushed to the stage doors. Some stopped for a brief moment, thinking to give aid, but the made of human bodies. clouds of smoke, growing denser and denser, forced them to flee. Their escape even then was miraculous.

The blackened bodies which choked the aisles and stairways, the lines of policemen and firemen carrying limp hospitals, the rows of dead and dying in the surrounding buildings, which were thrown open to the sufferers, tell briefly the tale. Only a few of the terrifying incidents will ever be

Great loss of life was prevented and many lives were saved by the heroic rescue work of the students, faculty. janitors and workmen in the Northwestern University building. The rescue work of the people in the top balcony was effectively done by the people in the university building. platform of the theatre fire exits on the top balcony was directly opposite the university building and on a line with the law school lecture room. Kalsominers, decorators and painters were at work in this lecture room, using large planks to make plat-

Costa Rica Recognizes Panama. Senor Calvo, the Costa Rican Minister, informed Assistant Secretary of State Loomis at Washington, D. that his Government had formally ex-

Ball Player Shot Dead.

tended recognition to the Government

Denuis Leahy, for several years a player in the Virginia Baseball League, and at one time a member of the Cincinnati team, was shot and killed at Knoxville, Tenn., by Frank Regan.

Labor World.

Fall River (Mass.) waiters recently organized. Montreal (Canada) firemen have been granted an increase of ten per cent. in

Machinists at South Boston, Mass. have organized and will seek to secure

a nine-hour day. Sacramento (Cal.) Electric Street Railway has increased the wages of

Cook County, Ill., has eight local unions of railway clerks, with a membership of nearly 10,000.

among those in the audience were clasping her child, was found kneeling quiet, according to those who live to as if in prayer, with her back to the tell the tale. Few, if any, in that stage, from which had come the death they pushed and struggled for every inch as they advanced toward the ex-

For an instant the stairways leading from the balcony were a mass of strug-gling people, with scores behind constantly pushing closer and fighting to

The scene was then a bedlam. Women and children were in the majority of

Women seized their babies in their arms, frantically clung to them, be-seeching ears that were deaf to entreaty to save them from the terrible fate impending. Had those appealed to been so disposed they could not have given the assistance so piteously be-

In the last hope, born of desperation, scores of those in the balcony, climbed to the railing and leaped to the pit of the theatre, many feet below. Their bodies were found long afterward. when the smoke had cleared away and the firemen could grope their way with lanterns into the place.

The dense smoke quickly rose to the top of the building. To a score of those who had sought to jump from the gallery the smoke was kind, for it brought death quickly. Three women were found hanging over the rail, their faces distorted with agonies of death.

From a dozen sources the alarm went to fire headquarters, but before the vanguard of engines wheeled into Randolph street a dense crowd had gathered in front of the theatre. The firemen were quick to act, but hundreds of bodies were already motionless within the walls of the playhouse so recently opened.

An awe-stricken crowd stood fixedly as those who had been nearest the doors rushed out, their eyes wild with by the crowd and carried far into busy commerce.

None realized at that minute what had occurred. Each man asked his await the course of the law. neighbor if there had been loss of life The chorus was compelled or injury. Not until the first black-ened and limp body was borne forth in in the cellar. Many of the women were the arms of a policeman did the impor-tance of the disaster begin to dawn on off by heavily barred doors. The men those in the street.

In fifteen minutes nineteen dead bod ies were carried out the Randolph street entrance. Then they came so fast that all count was lost.

Every hospital in the city hurried ambulances to the scene, and with them every surgeon who could be spared. They were as nothing, though, as com pared to the need. Two and three, and in many cases even more, were hud-dled into the ambulance and hurried off to the hospitals, where kindlier at tention could be given them.

The great majority of those who had occupied orchestra seats escaped with their lives, though scores were badly hurt in the rush. Some were knocked down, and with broken limbs were un able to rise.

They were left to die with a number of women who fainted from fright. With these bodies were found the corpses of those who had leaped from

the balcony and gallery.

In the exits of the balcony and gal leries the greatest loss of life occurred. with pain.

From beneath one mass there suddenly came the moan of a woman. Tremb ling hands plunged their way into the tangle of human forms, and with a mighty effort pulled to the surface the woman. The blackened lips parted. and a fireman bent over her to catch the words.

'My child, my poor little boy, where is he? Oh, do bring him to me.' Again the lips parted.
"Is he safe? Tell me he is safe and

I can die." "He is safe," the fireman muttered, and all knew his reply was best. She died, and her body was lifted with

those of hundreds of others in that one spot. The calamity was so overwhelming that the firemen and the policemen. who were the first to reach the upper parts of the house, could not realize its girls in the upper rows of dressing astonishing extent. They began by dragging a body or two from the terri-

ble piles at the head of the stairways,

as if they did not know the piles were Gradually the full significance of the catastrophe dawned upon them. All the lights of the theatre had been extinguished. The lanterns of the firemen cast only a dim glow over the piles of dead. From the bodies arose forms from the building, the overtaxed | small curls of steam. The firemen had drenched the piles before they knew

they were made of human corpses. Then the work of taking out the inanimate forms began. There were constant appeals for more help. The bodies of little children, torn and bleeding. were tenderly lifted, each by a fire men or policeman, and carried to the street below. Two or three men were needed to bear the heavier burdens.

Every now and then a form faintly breathing was dragged out of the pile These were handled with even more tenderness than the others as they were carried down the marble stairway of the gilded foyer. Now and then a the third floor fire escape platform of faint groan was heard coming from the bottom of the pile. This was the signal for renewed and frantic efforts on the part of the rescuers to untangle the human mass.

In the balcony scattered about the orms.

The first seconds of the rush for life were found many bodies. One mother, of Troy's best known lawyers.

French Parliament Adjourns.

Both houses of the French Parlia-

ment adjourned after passing the bud

get. Etienne Brisson was elected to

succeed M. Bourgeois as President of

Embezzler Under Arrest.

ean authorities on the charge of em-

bezzlement of \$5000 from the Bank of

Tarapaca, was arrested on board the

Prominert People.

B. W. Findon, a nephew of the com-

poser, is writing a new biography of

Dr. H. F. Swanback, of Nevada,

ship Walden at Philadelphia, Pa.

Russell Beckett, wanted by the Chil-

the Chamber.

Bryan.

at \$350,000.

bassador at Madrid.

Sir Arthur Sullivan,

him by Frederick IV.

throng realized what was to come. dealing sheet of flame. She had pro-They thought only of themselves as tected her child from the flames, but tected her child from the flames, but the little one was dead in the arms of its mother. As the work of rescue progressed dozens of blankets were

down in these. The scene, immediately after the fire get out. Those in the van, unable to keep their footing, fell headlong.

Those behind fell over their Those behind fell over their prostrate silks and plushes, all the rich hangforms, crushing and suffocating them. ings, all the frescoes, had been wiped out. The flames from the stage had swept the entire theatre and left their the fighting crowd, and their shrieks of blight everywhere. The upholstery on fear mingled with the groans of the inmany of the seats was still intact, jured and the prayers of supplicants to though. But for the failure of some one to act, when action meant life for hundreds, only a few might have per ished. The thin sheet of asbestos that

brought, and the bodies were carried

could have saved all failed. In a remarkably short time men whose wives and children had gone to see "Mr. Bluebeard" reached the scene. It was a hopeless task to try to find their loved ones. Through the tiers of dead and dying in the buildings all about men and women searched with frenzied faces. Now and again a searcher would find one for whom he looked. When the dead was found the searcher knelt in prayer.

One man pushed his way into the lobby of the theatre. His eyes were blinded with fear and he did not see the firemen pass out with unconscious forms. Before a group of men he stood for a moment. Then he asked I any one had been injured in the fire. "My wife and boy were there," he murmured. "Did every one get out?"

Tears came to the eyes of the men in the little group. At that instant five firemen staggered down the stairs, each bearing a human form. One of the men pointed to them, and the husband and father fell to the floor.

Amid even such sad scenes the pickpockets were busy. The police kept watch as best they could, but the ghouls snatched many purses from the dead and dying, and wrenched rings from the fingers that could no longer fear. These yelled fire at the top of offer resistance. Several of these men their voices, and the cry was taken up were caught in their work. They re-by the crowd and carried far into busy ceived at the moment punishment all State street and the other avenues of too light for their crime. Only a few. were arrested and taken to the police station, where they will be held to

> The chorus was compelled to dress were forced to break them open. During this delay many of the girls re-ceived painful burns. The girls were forced into the street wearing tights. They took refuge in the Union Hotel and the Sherman House.

> Viola MacDonald, one of the most beautiful chorus girls on the stage, was in tights when the cry of "fire" rang through the theatre. She turned to the girl next to her and said:
> "I'll not go out on the street in these

> tights if I am burned to death." She then ran down stairs to a dress-ing room to put on her skirt. She got

overhead. She found her egress barred by falling and burning timbers. She was the last person to leave the stage part of the theatre without injury. She was hauled through a coal hole by three brawny firemen. Father McDonald of the Holy Name

Cathedral, in company with S. E. Carroll, came along Dearborn street, when the shrieks of the chorus girls who tried to get out of the theatre reached them. When the firemen went to remove the Father McDonald and Mr. Carroll bodies they found a hundred or more rushed into the alley and saw four piled in a mass in each place. The girls trying to get out through a coal clothes were torn completely away hole back of the stage of the theatre. The priest and his friend rescued the there a jewelled hand protruded from four women, who were taken to their the pile. All the faces were distorted homes. Their names are Violet Young, Dora Selfe, Alice M. Bartlett and Dodie V. Goodman.

In the basement of the theatre when the fire started. Maggie Levine was in charge of twelve girls who were preparing to appear in the scene entitled "The Hunters." When Miss Levine heard the cries of fire and the sounds of the commotion following over her head, she shouted, "My God, girls what can be the matter?"

A moment later a panic stricken crowd of fifty or more chorus girls were struggling for their lives. Smoke rolled down through the trap doors in suffocating clouds and almost obliterated the dim lights from the incandescents. Doxie Marlowe. Dot Down ing, Zaza Belasco and Marie Janette were knocked down and trampled by their sister chorus girls and the few men in the chorus. Doxie Marlowe was so much overcome by the smoke that she was unconscious for the time being and had to be carried out.

James Gallagher, a member of the men's chorus, took command of the frightened and half-suffocated girls and instructed them to take hold of one another's hands. He took the lead and grasping the foremost of the girls by the hand led the way through the basement from the stage to the front of the theatre building, where he reached the coal cellar under the sidewalk in Randolph street.

With a stick he forced the coal hole covers off and this sufficed to signal the firemen that help was wanted. Ladders were lowered and each of the fifty girls and their male companions vere drawn out of the basement.

Some had sisters and all had friends in the blazing building. The bitter cold pierced them through and through, for they were clad only in their thin stage gowns, with necks and arms exposed Nevertheless, they had to be dragged from their station in the alley and into neighboring stores.

Lawyers Burned to Death. Two men were burned to death at the club at Troy, N. Y. One was Moses T. Clough, one of Troy's oldest lawyers and the President of the club. The other was William Shaw, also one

QUICK JUSTICE IN OKLAHOMA

Murderer of a City Marshal Caught and Killed in Half an Hour. Guthrie, Okla.-City Marshal L. E. Terguson, of Ringwood, was shot and nstantly killed by Clinton Fox, a

farmer. As soon as the shooting occurred Fox mounted his horse and rode out of town. A number of citizens quickly organized and gave chase. Fox headed oward his home, but was overtaken in little over half an hour. He was fired upon and killed.

World's Fair Pointers.

The Czar of Russia has sent his autographed photograph to William J. The thirty-five miles of roadway at the World's Fair have been practically finished. Sir Thomas Lipton has to pay taxes on property in Chicago, Ill., assessed

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition t \$350,000. Count Rudolph von Welserheim has Covers two square miles—1240 acres. It is larger than the Chicago, Omaha, been appointed Austro-Hungarian Am- Buffalo and Paris expositions combined.

The design for the Russian building at the St. Louis Exposition has been approved. It will be a handsome structure, on the style of the Palace of wears the iron cross of Prussia, given Romanoff Boyards, at Moscow, and

COTTON BROKERS IN PANIC

Opening Advance Succeeded by General Collapse in Prices.

SMALL SPECULATORS WIPED OUT

Thousands of Bales Thrown Upon the Market-Prices Thrown Bown Seventyfive Points - Heavy Bldding Alone Saved the Market - Sales Estimated at Over One Million Bales.

New York City.-Twenty thousand small speculators were wiped out by the sudden slump in cotton, and many brokers declare that it was the bull clique which engineered the slump in order to get rid of the little fellows who had overbought the market. For an hour there was a panic of the wildest description, while the market broke eighty points, or \$4 a bale. If the bulls had planned the break they did so at a tremendous risk, for they lost control of the market completely, and it was not until big supporting orders were put in at New Orleans that they were able to stop the panic.

May and July cotton were selling at about 14.25c., when the break started selling from some quarter, causing the market to ease off, and by points it went down to near the fourteen. Then came the rapid decline.

It is estimated that there were at least 1,000,000 bales of cotton of different options held subject to stop loss orders, and they all semeed to come on the market at once. Every broker who held cotton for customers on the twenty point stop order tried to sell before something worse happened. The market went down ten and

twenty points at a drop. Brokers rushed to the pit and fought for places in the inner ring, every broker shouting at the top of his voice and fighting for a chance to unload the cotton he had been fighting to buy only a few min-

utes before. Within a very few minutes the active options dropped about seventy-five points. Then the bulls came to the rescue and there was a rally. The market swung back almost as rapidly as it had dropped. The market was hardly less wild, and there was almost as much noise around the pit as when the market dropped. A recovery of forty points was made on the sudden recovery. Then the market began to fall again. After the partial recovery the market ruled very irregular, with sentiment very unsettled and trading feverishly active. The close was steady

net forty-one to fifty-three points lower, with sales estimated at 1,500,-The slump served to wipe out nearly all small speculative accounts. Since the upward movement in cotton began many thousands of young clerks and other employes have deposited their savings with brokers in order to get rich quickly. Money has been drawn from savings banks by many to put into cotton, and the speculative mania among employes seems to have been greater in the cotton market than it was in the stock market about a year ago. This, too, in face of the fact that the heavy declines in stocks have

ruined many men and many houses. New Orleans, La.-A little clique of bears played havoc with the cotton market, driving May cotton at one time were from forty-nine to fifty-four points. The loss for March was forty-nine points, or \$2.50 a bale.

Thousands of bales were thrown on the market and prices dropped ten to twenty points, while trades were being negotiated. Brokers with twenty-point holdings grew frantic in their efforts to save their customers, and the scene became one of the wildest confusion. This condition lasted for an hour, until the tremendous buying by bull leaders checked the decline.

WOMAN MURDERER SENTENCED.

Mrs. Rogers to Spend Year Awaiting Execution in Vermont. Bennington, Vt.-Mrs. Mary A. Rog-

ers, convicted of the murder of her husband, Marcus H. Rogers, was sen-tenced in the Bennington County Court to be hanged on the first Friday in February, 1905. Leon Penham, the confessed accom-

plice of Mrs. Rogers, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

If the sentence of death is carried out Mrs. Rogers will be the second woman to be hanged in the history of Vermont, and the first prisoner to be put to death in the State in twelve his wife, was the last one to pay the death penalty. A session of the Legis-lature, which holds the pardening power, must intervene between, the sentence of death and its execution.

LABOR MEN INDICTED.

A Texas Grand Jury Takes Action on

Dynamiting Cases in the State. New Orleans, La.-The Grand Jury of Bexar County, Texas, has found twenty-five indictments against Frank Holcomb, the secretary of the Street Car Men's Union, of San Antonio; F. C. Boyd, business agent of the Carpenters' Union, and T. D. Holcomb, a striking motorman, for dynamiting street cars and attempting to murder the passengers in them. The street car strikes in Texas recently have been attended in nearly all cases by indictments, most of them for manslaughter.

Big Fire in Pittsburg.

For twelve hours thirteen engine companies battled with a stubborn fire in the six-story storage warehouse of Haugh & Keenan, at Third street and Duquesne Way, Pittsburg, Pa. Crossed electric wires, it is said, caused the fire. The loss will be about \$700,000, with insurance of \$70,000.

High Voltage For Murderer. Six electrical contacts were necessary before Frank White, a negro murderer, was pronounced dead in the prison at Auburn, N. Y.

College and Educational Notes.

Good scholarship hereafter will be required at Princeton of all students who are candidates for athletic honors. Dorothea Beale, LL.D., has completed forty-five years as the head of Cheltenham College for Girls in Eng-

The report of the treasurer of Cornell University shows a total income for the year of \$1,415,874, and expenditures amounting to \$1,058,125.

Sir William Muir, former principal of the University of Edinburgh, has just had conferred upon him the medal of the Royal Asiatic Society.

JAPAN MAKES BOND ISSUE

Assumes Control Over the Seoul-Fusan Railway.

Japanese Cabinet in Emergency Session -China Appeals to Japan For Arms -British Naval Reserves Warned

Tokio, Japan.-An extraordinary meeting of the Privy Council approved the issue by the Cabinet of an emergercy ordinance authorizing the guarantee of the principal and interest of an issue of 10,000,000 yen debentures for the purpose of expediting the work on the Seoul-Fusan Railway, which is expected to be finished by the end of

The ordinance also provides for all possible military expenses for the pro-tection of the railway and other inter-

The President of the Seoul-Fusan Railway has been dismissed, and M. Furuichi, President of the Japanese Railway Board, will succeed him. Other Japanese officials are taking control of the line.

London, England.-The latest report in the Russo-Japanese crisis credits Japan with insisting that Russia shall reply to the last note before January 10 on the ground of the rapid approach of Russian naval reinforcements to the scene of action. Portsmouth, England,-The Admir-

alty has ordered the Naval Reserves men to send the addresses from which they could be summoned to active service if required. Pekin, China.-Yuan Shih Kai, Viceroy of Chill and the head of the Chinese Army, has entered upon hurried

negotiations with the Japanese author-

ities to obtain a million taels' worth of arms and ammunition. The Japanese, although they are desirous of furnishing the weapons and ammunition, are unable to do so unless China agrees to take part of the supply in models which are now ob-solete in the Japanese Army. Ten thousand rifles and 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition, which were purchased

Yuan Shih Kai will probably resort to Austrian and German makers unless the Japanese Government permits exports from her own reserves.

sonal army, have not yet been deliv-

Lien Fang, Vice-President of the Board of Foreign Affairs, has visited M. Lessar, the Russian Minister, and asked him what Russia's intentions are in regard to the evacuation of Man-

M. Lessar said that nothing could be done at present, first, because the cold prevents the moving of the troops from the positions they now occupy, there being no barracks elsewhere; and, secondly, an evacuation while the Russo-Japanese negotiations are proceed-ing would endanger Russian interests, as the Japanese might selze the occasion to invade Manchuria.

It is stated that China is now so alarmed at the possibility of becoming involved in war that she prefers the alternative of Russia retaining control of

CRAZED HUSBAND KILLS THREE Shot His Wife and Child in Her Arms and a Man.

Sergent, Ky .- William Shepherd, of Letcher County, has been arrested and down seventy-five points, or \$3.75 a Letcher County, has been arrested and bale. This was followed by a slight is lodged in Whitesburg. He went to reaction, and net losses for the one day the home of Obadiah Fields, his fatherin-law, and shot and killed his wife and her infant child, and Riley Webb, a teamster. Tue murderer fled, but was

captured. Crazed with drink, Shepherd walked into the house and without provocation fired a steel bullet through Webb's body, entirely severing the spinal cord. Then Shepherd turned upon his wife and fired a bullet through her body, killing her almost instantly. The same shot pierced the form of the babe which the mother carried in her arms for protection. The little one died in a short time.

RICH 1902 MINING PRODUCTS.

Quicksilver, Flint, Feldspar and Fuller's Earth Report Issued.

Washington, D. C .- The Census Bureau has issued a report on the mining of quicksilver, flint, feldspar and Fuller's earth for the calendar year 1902. The figures relate exclusively to the mining operations and subsequent reworking of the minerals at the mine as incident to the production. The product follows:

Thirty-four thousand two hundred and ninety-one flasks of quicksilver (each weighing 761/2 pounds), valued at years. Sylvester Bell, of Halifax, who \$1,467,848, together with 11,727 short was hanged in 1891 for the murder of tons of cinnabar, valued at \$82,242; 36. 365 short tons of flint valued at \$144,-209; 45,287 short tons of feldspar, val ued at \$250.424; 11.492 short tons of Fuller's earth, valued at \$98,144.

DOWIE'S BIG FIGURES.

Testifies That He Was Offered \$5,000, 000 For North Shore Land.

Waukegan, Ill.-In his examination in the Circuit Court in an electric railroad condemnation case Dowie said tnat before the Zion City project was well started he had had an offer of first \$50,000, then \$1,000,000, then \$3, 000,000 and then \$5,000,000 for his bargain in North Shore land.

Attorney Grover, for the Waukegan and North Shore Railroad, cross-examined him closely when Dowie insisted he should have \$250,000 for allowing the railroad to cross Zion City on the lake shore.

Mob Threatens Jail. A crowd collected around the county fail at Council Bluffs, Iowa, threatening to lynch two negro prisoners who are held for an alleged assault on two women. The Council Bluffs militia company were called out. The mob battered down the doors of the jail. The mob finally dispersed, having failed to secure the prisoners.

Macedonians Menace Turkey. Four thousand Macedonians under Bulgarian leaders are reported to be menacing the Turkish frontier.

Newsy Gleanings. Uncle Sam's printing bill amounts to

\$6,000,000 a year. Florida's orange and pineapple crop is estimated at \$2,500,000.

French officials made a strong denial of the report that France intended to interfere in the Far Eastern situation. The arbitration treaty between France and Italy is said to be practically identical in terms with the Anglo French convention.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will shortly establish its own sales department for the disposal of the products of coal mines owned.

New Classifications.

Dr. Francis R. Lane, until lately director of the high schools of Washington, is fond of repeating the following extract from a composition submitted to him for approval during the days when he was a worker in the school teaching ranks. The extract runs as follows: "Beings are divided into names, according to that which they feed on. The lion eats flesh—the lion is carniverous. The cow eats grassthe cow is herbarious. Man eats everything. Therefore, man is omni-

Monte Carlo Plungers. A sensation has been created at Monte Carlo by an Italian banker, who is playing the most daring game seen

here since the days of Wells, the "bank breaker." This gentleman, who hails from Rome, plays simultaneously on four tables, and stakes the maximum at every coup. He has just won something like £50,000, but he has lost far more than that sum since his arrival. American, is playing maximums at roulette, and in one day cleared over

Three times running he backed No. 31, and each time his number came up amid the cheers of the excited crowd of spectators, many of whom were following his leads, but in modest ten or twenty-franc stakes.

£20,000.

Give Mother a Pension. A certain charitable organization in the city had a request the other day from a young Italian threatened with consumption who wanted help to get back to Italy in the hope of saving his ife. An agent was sent to investigate, and, as usual, asked the young man's mother for a list of the members of the family. The blanks furnished for this formality have nine spaces left for children. The agent filled up one blank and still the list went on. She filled two blanks without a word, the list of children stopping at eighteen. When she turned in her report, it embraced the following official recommendation: last August to replace the obsolete "That the boy be sent to Italy, and that weapons used by Yuan Shih Kai's per- the mother be recommended to Presi-"That the boy be sent to Italy, and that dent Roosevelt for a pension."

Want No More Mutton.

A war against mutton is imminent in Willard Hall, the women's dormitory t Northwestern University. The young persons have other grievances, but their principal cause of complaint is the mutton.

"We count it a red-letter day when mutton is not on the menu," said Miss Charlotte Thompson, one of the leaders in the strike movement. "We have roast mutton for dinner and cold roast mutton for lunch almost every day in the week. The other day we have mutton hash for breakfast."

The young women pay \$6.50 a week for their board, and say that at this price the university is making money. -Chicago Tribune.

Dull But Obliging. The Globe was dull yesterday. One

out.-Atchison Globe.

excuse is, we were coaxed out of printing two items that were of real interest. There is an item in town to-day that would prove a valuable lesson, but we have been coaxed out of printing it There is nothing disreputable about the item, but women and men have an exaggerated notion of some subjects, and we cannot print the item without feeling mean for a month, so many worthy people have asked us to keep it

Mark Twain Missed the Boat The success achieved by Mark Twain during his boating days on the Mississippl River was due not only to the fact that he was a skillful pilot, but that he was an earnest one, as well. During a talk over old times at Mr. Clemens' summer home, Quarry Farm, Elmira, N. Y., recently, a guest who knew Mr. Clemens in those days told the others how the genial humorist once missed his boat. Instead of Another big plunger, a rich young inventing an excuse, as many of his companions did, he reported to his su-

> "My boat left at 6.10. I arrived at the landing at 6.20 and could not catch lt."-New York Tribune.

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Labor Shortage in South Africs. The Transvaal Labor Commission has reported that there is a total shortage of 241,000 laborers in South Africa, the deficiency being chiefly felt in agriculture and mining. There is a shortage of 40,000 men in the railway workings alone.

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